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Encoding the ptsH Gene**

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Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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Amendments

In the Claims:

Please cancel all claims presently pending in the application. This includes claims 1-7 as renumbered by the Examiner.

Please add new claims 19-31 as follows:

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--19. An isolated polynucleotide consisting essentially of nucleotides encoding a protein with the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

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20. An isolated polynucleotide consisting of nucleotides encoding a protein consisting essentially of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

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21. An isolated polynucleotide consisting essentially of nucleotides encoding a protein that has an amino acid sequence at least 70% identical to that of SEQ ID NO:2 and